



## CO'S CORNER

### USS HOPPER DDG-70 NEWSLETTER

Greetings again,

As promised in my last note, HOPPER's last several months were filled with lots of training events. The basic training phase of the ship's deployment cycle is considered by most to be the hardest time. HOPPER, characteristically, completed her basic training with style. It wasn't always easy. I recognize a lot of Sailors put in a lot of extra hours getting the various teams up to speed. But at the end of the Final Evaluation Problem (FEP) it was clear we were delivering a quality product to the Navy and we are more than capable of handling the variety of missions we may some day have to face.

Every Officer and Sailor at some point was being tested and I will briefly try to acknowledge some of our larger teams:

- The cruise missile teams led by LTJG Small and FCCS(SW) Hibbits breezed through their certification.
- The Engineering department under the new leadership of LT Agamaite and CWO2 Longwell presented a nearly flawless Underway Demonstration (UD) to the Type Commander's inspection team.
- The anti-submarine team performed superbly during several exercises and they are continuing to improve under the leadership of ENS Rogers and their new chief, STGC(sw) Warners.
- The repair lockers after successfully battling a main-space fire in preps

for the UD, went on to combat six more simulated battle damage problems during FEP.

- ENS Pombeiro and BMC(SW/AW) Metham leading Deck division completed numerous evolutions, including the ever-challenging moor to a buoy. They also had the ship sparkling when we were providing back-drop for the "Pearl Harbor" movie premiere.
- The Nav Team led by LT Fox and QMC(sw) Conkright completed their Navigation Check ride (easily).
- And lastly, I almost forgot because they made it look so easy, LT Finley, SKC(SW) Dereu and MSC(SW) Delacruz and the Supply Department blew away their Supply Management Inspection.

HOPPER is now certified to enter our intermediate phase of training, which is where we practice integrated operations with other units in preps for our upcoming deployment. Most of that training will occur after New Years in the San Diego OPAREA. There are still many challenges ahead, but with this team there are no obstacles. There is also some very good liberty on the horizon.

*Aloha,  
CDR Buz Sorce*

## XO's EXCERPTS

Greetings from the high seas! HOPPER has been extremely busy and your sailors have performed admirably as we wrapped up our "training cycle". All summer we have been focused on training, ensuring that HOPPER can do every mission (everything from putting out fires to launching missiles and recovering a man overboard).

Now that HOPPER has been certified as "ready for advanced training", we will embark on a 5 week inport maintenance period to further upgrade some of the many complex systems aboard. Also during this period, HOPPER will fight hard to defend the title of Surface Line Week champion (we've won it two years in a row). Once the maintenance period ends we will sail on 28 Sep to San Francisco arriving on 4 October for Fleet Week.

The best part is that your sailor can invite guests (we call them Tigers) to ride the ship from Pearl to San Fran or from San Fran to San Diego. Tigers must be 8 yrs or older, in good health and cannot be a spouse or boy/girl friend. If interested, have your sailor contact LTJG Mullen or OSCS Czapla as soon as possible. We will depart San Fran on 10 Oct and will arrive in San Diego on 15 Oct. Tigers are responsible for lodging and transportation.

Right now, we are scheduled to return to Pearl on 1 Nov, but we are working hard to have everyone back in time to trick or treat with the kids or go to those extravagant costume parties in Waikiki. We have some big things planned for November... first we will be conducting 2 PRE-DEPLOYMENT briefs that will be held at 1800 in the Lockwood Hall Lanai 13 and 14 November. This event is open to ANYONE and will have reps from base legal, housing, the NEX, Welfare and Recreation, the Family Service Center, religious services and many folks from the ship who can answer any question you have right on the spot! Just a few days later HOPPER will be running another Guest Cruise, this time to the beautiful island of Kauai. We will depart Pearl the morning of the Nov 16th, moor near Lihue that afternoon and will return Monday the 19th. All friends and families (over 8 years old) are invited! The event is free and registration of guests will begin when we return from the West Coast. The coordinators are SKC Dereu and ITC Coffey. No, we're not done... HOPPER is throwing a \$25,000 Holiday party at the Hale Koa the night of 27 November. The event is formal and will offer dinner, drinks, incredible raffle prizes and dancing. The Welfare and recreation committee is hard at work on this and more details will be provided shortly.

HOPPER has also embarked on a campaign to raise money for the maintenance and preservation of the USS MISSOURI. With a donation of \$70, you (or a family member) can get your name on a HOPPER plaque that will be permanently mounted on the Mess Deck area of the historic Battleship. If interested in donating, please contact IT3 Ratzlaff or myself.

A final note is that elections will be held shortly for members of the Family Support Group... our OHANA (Hawaiian for family). The Ohana is an organization focused entirely on family social activities. Among many other events, the Ohana ran last years incredibly successful Christmas Party and the Easter party. As your sailor spends more time away from home, this social outlet can be increasingly important. We will be seeking nominees for the board (see the Ohana article) and expect to have elections at the 20 November meeting.

Yes it is a busy, but rewarding, fall! Your sailors continue to work hard, and the results have impressed all! Thanks again for your support, we could not do it without you  
*Aloha! - LCDR Werner Jurinka, Executive Officer*

## THE STRAIGHT SKINNY FROM THE CMC



As most of you have noticed, we have been very busy this year and looking at the schedule, will continue to be. Just about the time we think our radar scope is clear and we can relax, we realize there is still more we can and must accomplish. During our time underway, rarely is a moment wasted. When we're not running drills and evolutions, we are studying for the next advancement exam or preparing for the next qualification board.

Completion of the Final Evaluation Period(FEP) is a major milestone in the training cycle. We have successfully demonstrated our ability to safely and effectively operate the ship in a myriad of situations. The next phase of training has us demonstrate that same

ability while operating with other ships. There is no doubt, we are ready.

September is the time of year when we recognize the selfless contributions of our Navy Ombudsman. Mrs. Paula Hibbitts certainly deserves our thanks and appreciation for her hard work and dedication over the last 2 years. Thank you Paula. It's also the time of year we promote Sailors to Chief. This year the Navy has wisely chosen DKC Mel Linga to join the ranks. Congratulations to him and his family for achieving this major career milestone.

## OMBUDSMAN NOTE

Aloha Families and Friends ~

This has been one exciting year so far. I bet I can hear some of you saying... "Does this training cycle ever end." This makes my third training cycle to witness (from the shoreline of course). During this time, I have met and spoke with several wonderful families and friends of the HOPPER Crew. I can definitely understand why your Sailors are proud of you and why they are the success they are today! If I were to give any one individual advice, it would be this...continue to inspire your Sailor. You are one of the driving forces behind your successful Sailor.

27 July will mark my second year as the Ombudsman for the HOPPER and I am still completely in awe of your wisdom and understanding for what your Sailor does. With Freedom comes sacrifice, and the sacrifice comes from both sides...sea and shore. It has been a great honor for me to be an important functioning part of this great command.

**Pre-Deployment preparations.** The reality of this happening is getting closer by the week. The up and coming Pre-deployment briefs and HOPPER O'hana meetings will be a big help in preparing us for the deployment. Just seven HOPPER O'hana meetings let to prepare for deployment. I know what most of you are thinking, and I am thinking the same thing..."Didn't they just get home from the last deployment?" Yes, this is Navy life as we know it. I am sure when I say this, the Command and the

HOPPER O'hana board members agree, we would like to see as many spouses and families as possible getting involved in the planning of what the Hopper O'hana will do before, and during the deployment. And, also to plan one of the grandest Homecomings ever. I strongly believe that your HOPPER O'hana will help the time pass by fast and make the deployment bearable to complete the duration.

If you are new to the Command and would like to receive emails regarding ship's information, HOPPER O'hana news, or any other information, which is conducive and helpful to the families, please send an email to DDG70@aol.com. Your email address will be held in the strictest of confidentiality and will not be given to anyone without your prior authorization. Nor, will you receive "junk" mail from this email address. This is simply another open line of communication.

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## GREETINGS FROM HOPPER OHANA

Aloha! We are picking up the pace again. With the upcoming deployment, we are getting back into the swing of things. The next couple of months we are scheduled to have several fundraising events. Kathy Metham has volunteered her wealth of experience as our Fundraising Coordinator. In the works is having Scotty Boy's BBQ set up on the pier Sept 11-14 (if all goes well we will be pre-selling tickets before then). A bake sale is scheduled for 1 October at the Navy Exchange, also on 17-18 December Ohana is having a bake sale and gift-wrapping table set up at the NEX. Lastly we are in the works with Subway, hoping to sell sandwiches on the ship in early September (tickets will pre-sold).

In November the Ohana is having elections for her new board. We would love to have you all there! With

deployment coming up, the Ohana is a great place for information, friendship, and support. If you or anyone you know is interested in a board position please call Kathy Metham (Nominating Committee Chairperson) at 455-5875 or call me, Jane Alvarado at 422-7120 or e-mail: hopperohana@cs.com.

With three small children I do know how difficult it is to do those little things like going to the doctor, grocery shopping or just a sanity break! I am looking into starting a babysitting co-op for our Ohana for those times when our Sailors are away. If anyone has an interest or would like monthly updates from our Ohana meetings or would like to know more about upcoming Ohana events, please contact me.

Mahalo,  
Jane Alvarado  
President  
USS HOPPER OHANA

## SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

### Stores Division:

S-1; since our last report the entire Supply Department has been in the process of preparing for the Supply Management Assessment (SMA) which took place in May of this year. Through hard work and dedication (and some long working hours) we sailed through the assessment with an overall grade of 97 percent and converted an assessment into a final inspection. HOPPER is now eligible for their 4th "Blue E"! According to SKC(SW) DeReu, having an entire department of outstanding sailors was key in the success of this assessment. We would like to bid farewell to SK2(SW) Medina who is headed for FISC San Diego and SK2(SW) Blain who is headed to CINCPACFLT, Pearl Harbor. We would like to welcome aboard SK2 Moran, SK3 Enitan, and SKSA Janes who will be a fine addition to the division and the HOPPER team.

### Food Service:

S-2 is continuously working to improve the quality of service provided for the crew on the mess decks. Numerous suggestions and comments administered through monthly menu review board

meetings have geared the Food Service Division to gradually implement many new initiatives based on the needs of the customer.

The Food Service Officer revitalized the look on the mess decks by devoting his off time to construct a number of fancy wood-workings and gave it an added touch to the presentation of a tropical beach scene. Also purchased were some artificial plants to add to the overall effect of the scenery. An increased availability of pre-prepared advanced food items in homeport has allowed the MSs to provide consistent quality entrée selections and alternatives for the crew. This in turn has greatly improved the morale and feedback of the general mess. A combination of all the hard work and effort provided by the MSs, Mess Decks Master-At-Arms and FSAs on a daily basis proved to be an outstanding accomplishment during the recent Supply Management Assessment. Back in April, the ship conducted a last minute cruise to the Big Island for the Annual Merrie Monarch Festival. The Food Service Division was tasked with a VIP reception with 24 hours notice. Everyone in S-2 pulled together to ensure that everything was elaborately set for this special engagement.

We would like to bid a farewell and send best wishes to the following shipmates who have departed: MS1(SW) Robinson, MS2(SW) Kreuziger, MS2(SW) Cabalar, and MS2(SW) Mize. Welcome aboard to MS1(SW) Baun, MS2 Cambe, MS1(SW) Nash, MS2 Jusi, MSSR Arbitter, and MSSR Chisolm.

The entire Supply Department, and the entire ship, would like to send a hardy congratulations to MSC Delacruz on his engagement. MSC will join the ranks of the encumbered 26 January 2001 in San Diego!

### ALOHA FROM THE SALES AND SERVICES DIVISION:

It's been business as usual for S-3 Division. Our job doesn't stop when the ship pulls in port. We strive to provide services to the crew and keep the Ship's Store and the Vending Machines stocked inport and underway. We would like to welcome our new Sales Officer

LTJG Thurston and bid farewell to ENS Clark. We would like to welcome SH3 Cuevas and SHSA Powell to the S-3 team as well. They both arrived a few months ago, both coming from "A" School. SH3 Lightfoot has left to go to SH "A" School. SH2 Brito will be leaving 31 Jul for some well deserved shore duty in West Virginia. SH1 Hood will be leaving in October for San Diego, "Fair Winds and Following Seas". SH2(SW) Lopez will be taking over the role as LPO and records keeper until SH1 Goscha arrives in Mar 2002.

#### **DISBURSING AND POSTAL CORNER:**

Farewell to ENS Michael T. Clark, his tour as the Disbursing and Sales officer was cut short, however, we are confident he will pull it all together and get back to sea quickly. We would like to welcome our new Disbursing Officer, LTJG Thurston, a prior enlisted Quartermaster First Class and hails from Miami, Florida. We are glad to welcome him aboard to become part of this Amazing ship!

Another warm aloha goes out to PC2 Barto of Massena, New York. "Stamps" as we call him, comes to HOPPER with 10 years of postal experience. A breath of fresh air for S-4 Division, PC2 is looking forward to a challenging tour and strives to provide superb postal support for Hopper and her crew. Last but not the least is DK3 Mendoza who successfully fought to become a Disbursing Clerk. DK3 is from the little town of Deming, New Mexico. As a former deck seaman she looks forward to gaining a lot of experience from her duties as a Disbursing Clerk.

## **BILGE            BANTER            FROM ENGINEERING**

Aloha! Welcome to the Engineering Department's corner. As most of you know already, the last couple of months have been extremely hectic for us; lots of drills and evolutions. The preparation for Underway Demonstration has kept most of us underwater. Drills and evolutions were part of our lives. We EAT, BREATHE,

and TALK of them. I am sure some of you recite "Engineering Casualty, Engineering Casualty" in your sleep without even thinking about it. Ask Chief Vallesteros and GSM1 Gaviola. I am sure they recite it in their sleep.

On "Show Day" the department did an outstanding job. Our spaces looked the best they have ever been. Our two watch teams performed exceptionally. They truly lived up to "Dare and Do" attitude. Many thanks go to the watch standers and also to the Tiger Team for preparing the spaces for drills and fixing discrepancies. A special thank you goes to our new CHENG and "Longhours" MPA, whose arrivals really gave the engineering department the direction and final tuning in order to successfully go through UD. Welcome aboard gentlemen.

Engineering Department would like to express our gratitude to BMC Metham and Deck division for all their assistance. 1<sup>st</sup> division played a big role in the overall outstanding appearance of our spaces. Thank you again.

#### **Here are the latest news from R Div, MP, ME and A-gang:**

Aloha, from R-Division where our motto is, "If we can't fix it, you can't break it." We have been keeping ourselves very busy these past few months, but we are nearing the end of our training cycle, which means we will move on to our next evolution, a maintenance period then on to San Francisco and San Diego, October 5 - 22. On November 16 - 19, HOPPER is taking a Guest Cruise to the island of Kauai. All of the crews family and children over the age of eight are invited. What did we do to earn all of this excitement? I'm glad you asked. During the month April, R Division prepared all of HOPPER's repair lockers for Material Condition Certification, and qualified our Crash and Salvage Crew for flight ops. Spearheading this certification was DC2(SW) Craig Cole. Thanks to R Division's hard work HOPPER passed with flying colors. Later on, during the month of May, the certification of HOPPER's Fire Fighting teams were accomplished during our first assessment. Again, a great job by DC2 Aaron Neideigh, DC3 Jerome Priemer and

DCFN Mirelez, getting HOPPER through this certification. As we complete the months of June and July, R Division has given it's expertise toward repair and helped HOPPER cruise through Underway Demo. Without the help of MR2 George Bartlett, HT2 Stephanie Dickinson and HT3(SW) Anthony Durham, HOPPER could not have shown as well. Congratulations are in order for DC2(SW) Craig Cole being named HOPPER's Senior Sailor of the Quarter.

Fast approaching, HOPPER is set to show for her Final Evaluation during August. Helping R Division along the way, are DC2 Michael Garcia and DC2 Jay Hernandez. Without their help, HOPPER would not be able to maintain an effective damage control organization. As you can see it is a real team effort for R Division.

I also want to take a moment to say goodbye to two departing Plankowners and welcome the new faces to R Division. In March, HT2(SW) Greg Hood left for New London Sub Base and HT2(SW) Michael Campbell left to join Honolulu Police Department. Arriving in April, HTFA James Nichols has made an immediate impression on R Division. Later in May, R Division welcomed DC3 Tomio Lacnogrady. Checking on board in August, HT1(SW) William Thomas with his wife Mariquitalinda and sons Ahkeel and Joseph. Finally, one last welcome aboard to the son of DC2(SW) Craig and Angela Cole, Donovan Braxtin Cole born July 1, 2001, weighing 8 pounds 6 ounces. Already he is farther along in his Enlisted Surface Warfare Qualification than DC2 Neideigh! Way to go R-Div. We really appreciate your work in maintaining VCHTs and DC equipment.

#### **Now the news flash from ME:**

I am here to tell you about the silent heroes of the mighty USS HOPPER: those jack-of-all-trade electricians. You never hear about electrical safety being a problem onboard because our EMs are so sharp; they come in past your bed time and pound grounds so that the ship stays safe. Although small in number, they are responsible for habitability items for the entire ship--every day seems to turn into a hard day for the Electrician's Mates, as they are at the

mercy of circumstance. Time and time again they spend free time trying to fix equipment with no associated tech manuals (enjoy your soda?) and humbly retort, "Just doing my job." There is no shining SRB in their future and yet these sailors still walk with a smile on their faces, sometimes even happily humming as they work. As far as I can tell the Electrician's Mates love their job because they just enjoy helping people.

Thank you EMs for keeping us all safe. Remember if you get an electric shock, notify Electrical Officer IMMEDIATELY no matter how minor it is.

#### **From MP Division:**

The last couple of months have been a constant whirlwind of training and maintenance. The excitement kicked off in Mid-April with preparations for CART II / Initial Assessment. After completing IA successfully, we began a three month fun-filled period of non-stop drills and evolutions in preparation for Underway Demonstration. In fact, during this period of time, everyone was enjoying work so much that Saturdays were added as an additional workday. You would think six days a week of non-stop fun would have maximized morale.

However, morale did not reach its peak until "bonus fun," also known as EMI, was assigned to all watchstanders by MPA. Because the personnel were getting all the attention during this time, the generators became jealous and decided they no longer were going to be a part of MP Division until they were paid more attention. Despite hundreds of hours of begging and pleading by GSEC Hunt, nothing could convince the generators to cooperate. Finally, on the day before UD, they gave in and agreed to support us. Thanks GSEs!

The long hours and hard work paid off the day of "The Show." Underway Demonstration was highly successful and easily completed without any notable mistakes. Thank you watchstanders, ETT, and Tiger Team members for your hard work and determination. Also, a special thanks you to your families for their untiring support and understanding during the training cycle.

In addition to completing UD, MP Division has also said good-bye to two plankowners, GSM2 Byrne and GSM2 Olinger, and welcomed a new addition, FR Vargas, from Sanford, FL. Congratulations to GSE3 Perez and his wife. They are the proud parents of a new baby girl, Esmeralda Isabell Perez, born 23 July 2001, seven pounds, ten ounces. A further congratulations to GSM2 Yazzie and GSM2 Moscariello and their wives. They are expecting new additions to their families in late August and mid January, respectively.

Lastly, in case you have not noticed, the division has grown in size. The GSEs joined us from ME division in late July. MP Division is now the largest division on the ship, mustering 30 people.

#### **Finally the Notorious A-Gang:**

Greetings from A-division. Would like to let everyone know how glad we are to successfully complete Underway Demonstration. All those long, hard working hours did really Pay Off on Show Day. Engineering department never looked so sharp, so professional in their new fire retardant coveralls. We're so proud of EN2 Francis for his undying devotion as Auxiliary Systems Monitor. Even though he was tasked with a PSM evolution, Francis responded professionally. He jumped into the fire without hesitation and came out with minor bruises BUT ALIVE. Definitely a "Dare and Do" individual. On the same note, Chief Vallesteros commanded his watchteam gallantly into battle. Needless to say, they all survived the wrath of N-82 Inspectors. Good job to all members, especially ASM Francis, Smith; PSM Marquez, ETT Gurley, and EOW Chief Vallesteros.

Recently Auxiliary Division underwent a few changes... the new LPO on the throne is EN2 Francis. As a very junior Second Class Petty Officer, Francis has proven to be a very capable individual; continuing his predecessor's vision. EN2 Gurley took over training/PQS program, which has been recognized as a vast improvement from previous cycle.

Last week, A gang underwent Division in the Spotlight. Our spaces looked GREAT!!!! Our 43P1 were recognized as

the BEST manual onboard HOPPER. Thanks to EN2 Marquez who spent endless hours on making it look so good. Way to go on setting the standards for the rest of the ship to follow. ME division has their DITS this week. No pressure on them to look as good as A-gang.

I would like to take a moment to welcome EN3 Papiernik, FN Nicklow, and FN Bellinger to A division. You all came to the best division onboard HOPPER. Be prepared to work hard and learn to be part of a team! While gaining three ENs, we also lost EN3 Grant. We were really unhappy to see her go. In addition to a loss in manpower, A - gang also is very sad to let go of "Harry" and "Scary". EN2 Libby and Gurley, we share in your loss.

On the final note, A-gang is no longer the smallest division in engineering. ME division is now the minority of the bunch. Final Thought: FEP is coming up soon. Make sure we're prepared for it. This is our last hurdle before heading to San Francisco for a great time at Fleet Week. Until next time, take care of yourself and your shipmates.

## **BATTLE NAV/ADMIN**

Aloha from Battle Admin! Hope all is well with the loved ones. Since our last Dare and Do, Battle NAV/ADMIN has said goodbye to two of their own, SM3(SW) Barker and QM2(SW) Icaza. SM3(SW) Barker has transferred on to Bahrain for security detail and QM2(SW) Icaza to San Antonio, TX for Master-at-Arms Conversion School. Good luck to both of you and farewell and following seas. Still on the transfer horizon are PN3 Edgell and LT Fox. They are both scheduled to leave in the next few months. PN3 Edgell is heading to Tennessee to become a home town Navy Recruiter while LT Fox has chosen to stay in Hawaii for a couple more years where she will be working with U.S. Commander in Chief Pacific Fleet at Camp Smith.

Before PN3 Edgell transfers though, he re-enlisted in style on the anchor with LT Fox on 17 August. NC1(SW) Rockinger will also be re-enlisting mid-November on the ARIZONA memorial with the

Executive Officer. If you hadn't already heard, NC1 married his girlfriend Marcy - best wishes to both of you. SMSA Caro will also be getting married to his fiancée, Diva, when he heads home in September. Hard Charging HM3 Hardy won Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific Junior Sailor of the Quarter competition - Outstanding job!

MA1(SW/AW) Jones and his lovely wife are expecting their first son in October. And a hearty congratulations goes out to PN3 Edgell and his wife (Diana) on their new baby boy Ean. Baby Ean weighed in at 7lbs and 14oz and was born back in July.

With transfers comes new personnel; Battle Admin would like to send a warm welcome to four newcomers: SMSN William VasquezSantiago who hails from Ponce, Puerto Rico, HM3 Rene Hardy from Apache Junction, Arizona, Jessie Myers from Vista, California and LTJG Matt Carter. You all just joined the best pirate ship in the fleet.

The Navigation Division blew away the ATG inspectors and DESRON 31 during a recent Navigation Check-ride. Commanding Officer LOC's were given to QM2(SW) Castillo, QM3 Thompson, QM3(SW/AW) Nelson and QMSN Covey. QM3 Strawbridge accompanied the USS LAKE ERIE on a medical evacuation mission and received numerous letters of thanks from their command. SMSR Caro also volunteered to help the USNS Yukon while they were out at sea refueling the CARL VINSON Battle Group. Great display of teamwork! SMSR Caro was also crowned with the title of the "Fastest HOPPER Human" running a mile and a half in a blazing 8 minutes and 14 seconds!

Doc from medical would like to invite you all out to the Annual Women at Sea Health Symposium on 21 September from 0800-1200 at the Banyans Club. Topics to be presented by physician lecturers will include: PAP smear, cervical cancer, breast exam and breast cancer, STDs, family planning and pregnancy, contraception, domestic violence and rape, herbals and supplements. Health promotions will also be there with displays on various topics as well as to do blood pressure and cholesterol screening. Light refreshments will be served.

In the upcoming months (September/October), HOPPER will be heading off to San Francisco for Fleet Week and then down to San Diego for intense training with the Canadians. So until our next Dare and Do, "Fair winds and following seas". P.S. YNSN Lucas would like to send out best wishes to his mother for her upcoming wedding in December.

## **Aloha, from CG DIVISION !!!**

Well it's time again for the dirt on HOPPER's most notorious division: CG: First, we welcome our newcomers: GM1 Turbeville, GM3 Howard, GMSN Borowski, and FC3 Cleland. Welcome aboard and we're glad to have you as well as the help because believe me, we need it! An extra CONGRATS goes out to our GM3 Howard (formerly known as SN Howard) who recently struck GM as well as making 3rd on her rating exam. Of course when we welcome new people, we always have to say goodbye to others. Since the last letter we've said goodbye to FCC(SW) Picardal, GM1 Moreno and GM1 Maddrey. We all hope they're enjoying they're next duty stations as much as they enjoyed it here. We also have a few advancements to point out: FC2 Quintanilla, GM2 Hernandez, and we can't forget LTJG Schreiber.

On another happy note FC1 Pinegar recently got married. Good luck to him and his new wife, we hope they'll be happy. GMSN Belcher became a father for the second time on Friday with twins, congrats to him as well! GM3 Karlsonmartini left us to join CM, hopefully he finds peace. We've recently heightened security that includes the quarterdeck and pier sentry watches carrying condition one weapons. This of course means we now trust them to have loaded guns at all times, boy what were we thinking?

Of course CG was tasked with the training for this evolution so we've been extra busy. On top of this we're also going through our FEP training period. None of us are really sure what this is, but we know so far it's been really intense with a lot of training scenarios and QGs'! We'll get a break next month while in the yards, wait - we won't be



underway which is great, but we still have a lot of work to do. Much of the work will be dedicated to upkeep of the ship, and an Naval Surface Fire Support (NSFS) team trainer for CGO2.

Then on 28 September, HOPPER leaves for San Francisco for fleet week. We should be present for the festivities until the 10th when we move to San Diego for more intense training. After that we have NSFS qualification and even more training during a long trip back to Pearl Harbor. We will be returning around the 1st of November...boy that's a long way away!

Other than that, it's the usual drama on board HOPPER. Until next time, Fair winds and following seas.

By FC3 Chism

## OI DIVISION

Welcome to the wonderful world of OI Division, we would like to start off by Welcoming Aboard our new Departmental Leading Chief Petty Officer, OSCS (SW/AW) Czaplá who arrived 14 May, and his wife Beth, and daughters Jamie-Anne, Jessie, and Jackie, and son Josh. We'd would also like to welcome our new CICO, LT Mike Fowler and his wife and four children who all have come all the way from Norfolk. Fair winds and following seas goes out to LTJG Pressley who left for Bahrain and to our DIVO LTJG Twiggs who left for Nuclear Power School - also a special congratulations on her engagement.

Congratulations to the following OS' who were promoted in May: OS2 Cobb, OS3 Caampued, and OS3 Sanchez. OS3 Sanchez was a striker from Deck division. Welcome to OI and keep up the good work! Also, we are looking eagerly awaiting the birth of OS1 (SW) Greene and his wife Danette's baby, who is due on 13 November. OS2 Vadra Bonsell, an old shipmate and her husband Jason are now proud parents of a beautiful newborn named Katalina. Well done to our Harpoon Team who completed Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification on 9 July. They trained hard and did an excellent job. Great job to OS2(SW) Ellis, OS2 Roberson and OS2(SW) Ortega who helped qualify the

Tomahawk Team during the same assessment. They couldn't have done it without you!

Here are some of the things accomplished in our recent underway time. On 19 July we were qualified for our Underway Demonstration. Thanks to the Engineers, we we're qualified in maintaining the engineering plant and were able to continue pressing on rigorously toward our Final Evaluation Problem (FEP). From July 24 - 26 we we're underway for PCOSS, a training exercise for future submarine commanders in USW tactics. Currently, the ship is in training for FEP which includes constant combat drills and multiple general quarters exercises. The ship is going to be heading to wonderful San Francisco for fleet week. We'll be there from 4-9 October; we can't wait to get there. Then the HOPPER is off to San Diego, for schoolhouse training in various rates.

## OE DIVISION

Greetings from the Electronics Division! We've made many strides these past few months, but the accomplishment we're most proud of is our five new second-class Petty Officers: ET2 Marvin Marsh, ET2 (SW) Mark Dungan, ET2 (SW) Lisa Baluck, ET2 Jesse Ochoa and ET2 Jason Laughlin.

A special congratulation goes to Petty Officer Laughlin, who "aced" his advancement exam by receiving the highest score possible. The division would like to congratulate our Division Officer, CW02 Fred Eshleman, who was recently selected to CW03, and recently earned his Surface Warfare Officer Pin, a very significant career milestone.

OE Division is sad to say we'll be losing several key members of the division. ET2(SW) Lisa Baluck has received orders to NCTAMS PAC in Wahiawa. Petty Officer Baluck takes with her a wealth of 2M and Hawklink skills that will be greatly missed. Fair winds and following seas to ETSN Jason Cordova, OE01's IFF expert, who will be making the transition to civilian life in Dallas, TX. In addition to IFF, Seaman Cordova was a leading light on all of OE's radar equipment. The biggest loss to the

division will be OE's last plankowner ET1(SW) Harvie Brown, who has received orders to Kaneohe Bay. Petty Officer Brown is the resident LAN and computer systems guru forever sought after for his abundance of technical knowledge. Good luck, Shipmates, in all that lies ahead of you. You will all be sorely missed for your great personalities as well as your superb technical skills.

Still, there are many new people on the horizon, ready to take the reigns of those who've left us. ET2(SW) Gregory Chriss from Long Beach, CA, who joins us from NCTAMS PAC. Petty Officer Chriss brings with him his wife Kathy, also from Long Beach, and children Charnae (8) and Darius (5) who were born here in Hawaii. He is OE's new 2M tech and is a huge fan of the NBA's LA Lakers. ET2 Marvin Marsh of Lillington, NC, comes to us from NCTS Guam. Petty Officer Marsh is our new URC 107 and Link Technician. Finally, ET3 Cory Gundlach a native of Lacrosse, WS, has come to OE by way of NAS Jacksonville, FL. Petty Officer Gundlach will be OE's new SAS tech. We'd like to welcome these individuals and wish them much success during their tour on HOPPER.

OE will also be welcoming many new faces in the next several months. Arriving soon will be: ET3 Jeremy Carriker, coming from NAS Jacksonville, FL, due to arrive in Septemeber. ETSA Ellen Harshbarger coming from Great Lakes, IL, in October. ET1 Frank Marino, coming from NCTAMS PAC, also due to arrive in October. ET1 (SW) Joseph Picon, coming from PHNSY, Pearl Harbor, HI, in February 2002. ET3 Kelly Main-Hernandez coming from SUBASE, New London, CT, in February 2002, ET2 Erwin General coming from NAVCOMTELSTA Puget Sound, WA, in March 2002 and ET3 Daren Iott coming from PHNSY, Pearl Harbor, HI in May 2002.

Special Bravo Zulus go out to ET2 Laughlin and ET3 Hummel for their assistance in the installation of the HOPPER's SEAPLOT Navigational System, and CW03 (SEL) Eshleman, ET1 (SW) Brown, and ET3 Lawson for their continuing effort to keep the ship's underway e-mail up and running for the crew.

In closing, the division would like to say thanks to our friends and family. Without your support the sacrifices we make for our country would be unbearable.

## OW Division

OW division would like to give a hearty welcome aboard to EWC Kelly Williams and his family, wife Kari, son Ethan and daughter Hannah. EWC Williams was previously stationed at the Naval Recruiting District, in Albuquerque NM, where he was Recruiter in Charge. He will be taking over as Leading Chief Petty Officer for OW division.

A congratulation goes at to EW3 Mata who advanced to the rank of third class petty officer in the March exam. EW3 Mata has been on board for two years; he was previously a part of the Engineering Department. He is a welcome addition to the smallest division on the ship.

Good luck goes out to the EW2 Bosanco and EW3 Fantine who will take the advancement exam in September. OW division would also like to say goodbye and good luck to LTJG Kelly Twiggs, who served as OW Division Officer. LTJG Twiggs is heading to Charleston, SC for Naval Nuclear Power School. Congratulations to IS1 LaValley and his wife Cindy, who are expecting the birth of their second child. The EW's are continuing their hard work, preparing countless briefs and scenarios in preparation for FEP. Great strides in training are being accomplished, and everyone is putting forth their best effort. With deployment right around the corner there is a lot of training to do. Aloha from the EW's onboard USS HOPPER.

## CS Division

Hello from CS Division; during the past few months' CS division has welcomed aboard ICFN Johnson who hails from Washington D.C. We would also like to welcome FC3 Whitt and GMSN Davis to CS division. Congratulations go out to ENS Thornhill and family who are expecting their newest little Sailor.

CS Division has been busy providing support for awards ceremonies and movie nights on the flight deck during underway periods (one of which the movie screen was sucked into to the #3 generator intake). We recently updated the firmware in the gyro systems and made

emergent repairs to our Stabilized Glide Slope Assembly in support of flight operations.

Now, that we are in full swing of the training cycle, everyone has been putting in 110 percent to ensure HOPPER is ready to deploy and mission capable. In the months to come CS Division is getting ready for the upcoming shipyard availability, Fleet Week in San Francisco, and San Diego trip. CS Division would like to thank our families and friends for all of their support throughout the training cycle.

By IC2(SW) Bailey

## CU DIVISION

CU division has been extremely busy over the past few months, not only with Undersea Warfare Exercises, but also with welcoming new members and their families to HOPPER. A warm welcome goes out to STGC Anthony Warners and his wife Holly, along with his two children Zachary and Scout. STGC Warners comes from ATG Pearl Harbor and is originally from Grand Rapids Michigan. Also from ATG Pearl Harbor is STG1 Kurk Peters who hails from Kalamazoo Michigan. Another new face in CU division is STGSA Randi Jo Delameter who comes from Lakeview, Michigan. Congratulations to STG2 Hageman who was married to Jessica Gonzalez on August 4<sup>th</sup>, STG2 Kelly who was wed to Thomas Chavez on July 28<sup>th</sup>, and STG2 Erickson who tied the knot to Kyoko Tanaka on July 29<sup>th</sup>.

In between planning weddings and household moves, CU division spent quite a bit of time with PCOSS, a USW exercise focused on training new commanding officers of submarines. For an intense four days, HOPPER tracked and prosecuted two US subs and evaded numerous exercise torpedoes, while still launching four exercise torpedoes of our own. The entire event was closely monitored and will be used for future study and technology improvements. Along with working with US submarines, HOPPER also recently had the opportunity to work with a Japanese task force comprised of two destroyers, a Japanese diesel sub, P-3's, and helicopters. The experience taught CU many new things about how different countries conduct USW and working with a

foreign Navy proved to be a great training opportunity.

CU looks forward to continually learning and practicing our USW skills, along with welcoming new members to the HOPPER crew.

## CM DIVISION

Another great quarter it has been for "CM". Since April we have accomplished great things. We have assisted the crew in passing TSTA "A" and "B", CART "1" and "2" and Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification (CMTQ). Outstanding job by GM2(SW) Eiker, FC2(SW) Gentry, FC3 Ponder, GM3 Jauregui and GM3 Smith for helping Hopper achieve Cruise Missile Certification during another successful CMTQ. Also, a well done by GM2 Tucker, TM2 Tipton and TMSN Ramirez for successful torpedo shooting with the Sonar Division in support of a USW exercises with submarines.

We are still working hard and training for the final evaluation problem as it is approaching very close. We would like to welcome aboard our new shipmates FC3 Southard coming to us from Harpoon "C" School, TM3 Johnson coming to us from NAVMAG Pearl Harbor MK48 torpedo shop, and GMSA Reichert coming to us from VLS "C" School. We would like to wish farewell and following seas to GM2(SW) Eiker who has been with the HOPPER since April 1997. He is going to White Sands missile range in New Mexico. Also, departing was LTJG Small (Strike Officer). He reported on board January 2000 and he is on his way to Nuclear Propulsion school. We would like to wish them good luck and thanks for making this the best division on board the USS HOPPER DDG-70.

Our next adventure will take us to California for a visit in San Francisco during Fleet Week and a follow on visit to San Diego. We all look forward to some R and R as we trek towards the Mainland. We also look forward to showing off our ship to the guests who ride Hopper to California and tour during Fleet Week. First, we have a little more work to do as we prepare to complete the

Inter Deployment Training Cycle. Until next time, take care!  
By TMSN Ramirez

## CF DIVISION

Hello family and friends of CF Division, we have had an exciting quarter. We would like to start out by saying "Welcome Aboard" to FC3 Genea Sonner, from Tarentum, Pennsylvania, FCSN Joel Wallace from Greensboro, North Carolina, and LTJG Davis, the new Fire Control Officer. He reports to us from the USS O'BRIEN, homeport Yokosuka, Japan. A hearty congratulation is in order for our recently advanced petty officers, FC2 Matthew Partel and FC2 Everett Culbertson. FC3 Terry Day was awarded the Navy's Good Conduct Award for three consecutive years of honorable service. The HOPPER family continues to grow as Donovan Michael Cole was born August 2, 2001 at 9:32am, weighing 8lbs 10oz. Congratulations to FC2 Rob Cole and wife Connie on the newest addition to their family. Both baby and mother are doing fine. Our Senior Chief, Ernie Wood, had an emergency appendectomy on 6 August. He is a fast healer and doing fine back at work with us. The training cycle is almost complete and CF has led the way! We thank each and every one of you for your sacrifice and support we could not have done so well without you. We miss you all very much and can't wait to get back to your open arms. See you soon. CF Division

## OC DIVISION

Aloha from OC01 Communication Division and ODP LAN Division onboard The USS HOPPER. Welcome aboard to our newest member, Information Systems Technician Seamen Kimberly Mayfield hailing from Houston, Texas, she joins us after completing IT "A" School in Great Lakes, Chicago Illinois. We also bid farewell to our old Communications Officer LTJG Jody Mandeville. Mr. Mandeville heads to

Ingleside, Texas where he will serve as Chief Engineer onboard the USS ROBIN (MHC 54). We wish him "fair winds and following seas". We extend a welcome onboard to our new Communications Officer Ensign Shawn Phillips, who joins us from Newport, Rhode Island. OC/ODP Division looks forward to working with Mr. Phillips.

OC/ODP Division congratulates and offers a Bravo Zulu to IT3 Jonny Meekma and IT3 Mary Ratzlaff who were advanced to the rank of 3rd Class Petty Officer. With September exams around the corner many members of our shack will be up for advancement. We wish them the best of luck.

The HOPPER has spent a lot of time at sea since leaving the yards last March. With much time underway, we have been able to optimize on training and improve the overall quality of communications. Since March, OC01 Division has successfully completed and intense CART II (Administrative Inspection), CCC-19 (Extensive Circuit setup) and Polo Hat (a worldwide exercise). Now we look forward to the end of our training cycle by successfully passing our FEP, Final Evaluation Problem.

In addition to the many inspections and exercises, many new and exciting changes have taken place for OC01 Division. Recently we successfully merged with ODP1 Division. Lots of hard work and long hours were put in to make this seamlessly effortless transition possible. This merger will bring lasting and useful skills, knowledge and challenges for the IT'S. OC/ODP Division extends our thanks to all those involved in making this transition possible.

The HOPPER "Communications Team" stands out as one of the best and strongest divisions on the HOPPER. OC/ODP Division looks forward to the upcoming Tiger Cruise to San Francisco to celebrate Fleet Week. Like many of the successful Tiger Cruises in the past the HOPPER looks strong and this upcoming cruise looks to be exciting. As The USS HOPPER sails forward the "Communications Team" bids farewell. "Aude et Effice" as Rear Admiral Grace Hopper would say..... Dare and Do!

## OD DIVISION

Aloha once again from 1<sup>ST</sup> Division. We've had a busy summer to say the least! But it has been rewarding at the same time as far as training goes. We would like to welcome BM2 (SW) Mary Nelson who comes to the HOPPER team from Kings Bay Georgia.

On a sadder note were losing our last two plank owners in the next month. BM3 Amezcua is transferring to SIMA San Diego for some well-deserved shore duty and BM2 (SW) Wemppy is heading out to Sasebo, Japan to ACU-5 to deal with the LCAC's. However before they could both leave, they had to both re-enlist. BM3 Amezcua re-enlisted underway on the focsle, while BM2 (SW) Wempy re-enlisted upon the ship's anchor while import on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>! Despite the ominous date it all went off with out any problems. Boatswain Mates, you're both going to be greatly missed.

BMSN Rice has qualified as a RHIB coxswain for the VBSS teams next deployment. BM3 Cardenas and BMSN Mickel are next in line to qualify. BM3 Cardenas, BM3 Turner and BMSN Rice are all recent graduates of the LSE (Landing Signalman Enlisted) School at Kaneohe. They will be the flight decks elite LSE's for the upcoming deployment.

Several of our division have had the chance to go home on "Blue Jacket Harp Duty", this gives the junior sailors a chance to go home and work in their hometown recruiting station for two weeks and spread the word to prospective recruits what today's Navy is really all about.

Were all looking forward for Fleet Week in San Fran and a trip to San Diego. Yes were heading back to the mainland for several weeks. Well, until the next issue, have a great summer!

### SAILORS OF THE QUARTER (2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER 2001)

**SENIOR SAILOR: DC2(SW) COLE**

**JUNIOR SAILOR: HM3 HARDY**

### WELCOME ABOARD TO OUR NEW SHIPMATES

LT AGAMAITE	CWO2 LONGWELL
LTJG OXENDINE	LTJG THURSTON
LTJG DAVIS	ENS PHILLIPS
LT FOWLER	STGC WARNERS
HT1 THOMAS	PC2 BARTO
EWC WILLIAMS	GMC TAYLOR
MS1 NASH	STG1 PETERS
FC3 CLELAND	FC3 SONNER
FC3 SOUTHARD	MS2 JUSI
GMSN REI CHART	MSSR ARBITTER

MSSR CHI SOLM  
BM2 NELSON  
FCSA WALLACE

GM1 TURBERVILLE  
TM3 JOHNSON  
FCSA ZAMORA

**BRAVO ZULU TO THE FOLLOWING HOPPER AWARDEES:**

**NAVY AND MARINE CORPS COMMENDATION MEDAL**

OSCS CZALPA LT FOWLER GMC TAYLOR

**NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL**

MSC DELACRUZ  
MS1 BAUN  
SM3 BARKER  
GSM1 MINAS  
EM3 MARCEL  
BM3 AMEZCUA

DC2 NEIDEIGH  
GSM2 BROOKS  
FC1 MCNALLY  
SK2 SHOEMAKER  
CWO2 LONGWELL  
MS2 JUSI

**NAVY REGION SOUTH EAST LETTER OF COMMENDATION**

ET3 GUNDLACH

**MIDPAC LETTER OF COMMENDATION**

ETC POPE DK1 LINGA  
HM3 HARDY OS1 ISOM  
DK2 CABALLERO

**NAVAL UNDERSEA WARFARE CENTER LETTER OF COMMENDATION**

TM3 JOHNSON

**CO, USS HOPPER LETTER OF COMMENDATION**

QM2 CASTILLO  
QM3 THOMPSON  
BM3 CARDENAS  
BM3 TURNER  
IT3 RATZLAFF  
GM3 DAVIS  
BM2 WEMPPY

QM3 NELSON  
QMSN COVEY  
MS3 COLVIN  
FN COLVIN  
ENFN MILLER  
STG3 COOPER  
STG3 LUND

STGSN MUHAMMAD  
ITC COFFEY  
OSSN MARLIN  
HT2 DICKINSON  
OS2 MILLER

GM2 TUCKER  
SN SOTO  
ET1 BROWN  
SN TRAN  
EN2 FRANCIS

### **NAVY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL**

DC2 NEIDIGH  
ET2 LAUGHLIN  
SN SOTO  
DC3 LACNO-GRADY  
ET3 OCHOA

FC3 PONDER  
FC3 DAY  
DC3 PRIEMER  
EW2 HARRISON  
OS3 MCKENZIE

### **PROMOTION TO PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS**

SM1 MARINO

### **PROMOTION TO PETTY OFFICER SECOND CLASS**

ET2 BALUCK  
FC2 CULBERTSON  
EN2 FRANCIS  
GM2 HERNANDEZ  
ET2 MARSH  
ET2 OCHOA  
FC2 QUINTANILLA

OS2 COBB  
ET2 DUNGAN  
DC2 GARCIA  
ET2 LAUGHLIN  
GSM2 MARTINEZ  
FC2 PARTEL  
GSM2 YANG

### **PROMOTION TO PETTY OFFICER THIRD CLASS**

GM3 BEAN  
OS3 CAAMPUED  
SH3 DIAZ  
EM3 HAND  
GM3 JAUREGUI

EM3 BRIDGMAN  
BM3 CARDENAS  
GM3 EUGSTER  
GM3 HOWARD  
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